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1. TV: KOPPEL, VALERIANI, AND KALB APPEARED ON FILM FROM ISRAEL ON THEIR RESPECTIVE NETWORKS THURSDAY EVENING NEWS SHOWS, ALL INCLUDING FOOTAGE OF SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT: "I COME HERE NOT TO DISCUSS CONCESSIONS BUT TO DISCUSS SECURITY. THE ISSUE IS NOT PRESSURE BUT A LASTING PEACE." FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS ALL THREE REPORTS:

A. VALERIANI (NBC): "KISSINGER ARRIVED IN ISRAEL AFTER TWO DAYS IN EGYPT. SINCE HIS LAST VISIT THE ISRAELIS HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY ANXIOUS ABOUT WASHINGTON'S DEVELOPING FRIENDSHIP WITH THE ARAB WORLD, AND KISSINGER IMMEDIATELY TRIED TO PUT THEM AT EASE ABOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SYRIA.

DESPITE KISSINGER'S REASSURING WORDS THE U.S. POSITION IS THAT ISRAEL WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO MAKE THE FIRST MOVE SINCE IT IS THE ISRAELIS WHO OCCUPY SYRIAN TERRITORY AND THEY
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WILL THEREFORE HAVE TO DO THE WITHDRAWING. IN JERUSALEM

KISSINGER'S FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS WAS SOCIAL, INTRODUCING HIS WIFE NANCY TO PRIME MINISTER GOLDA MEIR. HE THEN HAD A LONG PRIVATE LUNCH WITH MRS. MEIR AND LATER MET FOR SEVERAL HOURS WITH HER AND OTHER TOP OFFICIALS OF

THE CABINET. INFORMED SOURCES SAY THE ISRAELIS ARE NOW PREPARED TO GIVE UP THE GOLAN HEIGHTS TOWN OF KUNITRA WHICH THEY CAPTURED DURING THE 1967 WAR, AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP TOWARD NARROWING THE GAP BETWEEN THE ISRAELI AND SYRIAN NEGOTIATION POSITION."

B. KOPPEL (ABC): "SECRETARY KISSINGER KNEW WHAT HE WOULD FIND WHEN HE ARRIVED IN ISRAEL AT LEAST ON THE PUBLIC LEVEL -- SUSPICION THAT HE HAS COME HERE WITH A READY MADE AMERICAN PLAN AND THE FEAR THAT WASHINGTON WILL TRY TO FORCE THAT PLAN ONTO THE GOVERNMENT HERE WITHOUT REGARD TO ISRAELI SECURITY. IN HIS AIRPORT ARRIVAL STATEMENT HE ADDRESSED HIMSELF TO BOTH ISSUES.

BY THE TIME KISSINGER ARRIVED AT HIS HOTEL IN JERUSALEM A SMALL CROWD OF DEMONSTRATORS WAS ON HAND TO URGE HIM NOT TO FORGET THE ISRAELI PRISONERS BEING HELD BY SYRIA. MINUTES AFTER HIS ARRIVAL SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER LEFT FOR A SOCIAL LUNCH AT GOLDA MEIR'S HOME. IT WAS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR KISSINGER TO INTRODUCE HIS WIFE TO THE ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER. BUT EVEN AS THEY CHATTED IN THE GARDEN ANOTHER GROUP OF DEMONSTRATORS FROM THE OPPOSITION GROUP WAS MASSING OUTSIDE.

ISRAELI OFFICIALS POINT OUT THAT THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THIS DISENGAGEMENT WITH SYRIA AND THE ONE THAT KISSINGER NEGOTIATED BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL. THERE ARE NO ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN THE SINAI NEAR THE SUEZ CANAL; THAT PIECE OF TERRITORY WAS NOT VITAL TO ISRAELI INTERESTS. THIS AFTERNOON TOP RANKING ISRAELI OFFICIALS AND THE SENIOR MEMBERS OF KISSINGER'S PARTY ARRIVED AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE TO BEGIN DETAILED DISCUSSIONS. THEY SAT IN TWO ROWS FACING EACH OTHER. KISSINGER DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM GOLDA MEIR. THE TRAGEDY, ONE ISRAELI OFFICIAL TOLD ME, IS THAT THIS MAY LEAD TO A

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BLOW-UP BETWEEN AMERICA AND ISRAEL, AND OVER WHAT HE ASKED RHETORICALLY? SYRIA.

WHILE TALKS WERE UNDERWAY THIS AFTERNOON MRS. KISSINGER WAS TAKEN ON A WHIRLWIND ECUMENICAL TOUR OF JERUSALEM. FIRST AN OVERVIEW FROM THE MT. OF OLIVES, THEN A BRIEF STOP AT THE WAILING WALL WHERE ACCORDING TO ORTHODOX JEWISH TRADITION SHE WENT TO THE SECTION RESERVED FOR WOMEN, THE

OMAR MOSQUE THE PLACE WHERE MOSLEMS BELIEVE THAT MOHAMMED ASCENDED TO HEAVEN, AND FINALLY THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE. THIS EVENING THE TALKS CONTINUED OVER DINNER AT THE HOME OF FOREIGN MINISTER ABBA EBAN. THESE DISCUSSIONS AS KISSINGER HIMSELF SAID LAST NIGHT IN EGYPT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT."

C. KALB (CBS): "KISSINGER OPENED THIS ROUND OF SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY WITH A WARM HANDSHAKE FOR ISRAEL'S DOVISH FM EBAN. THEN THE SECRETARY CONFRONTED THE CENTRAL PROBLEM HERE -- A NATION IN ANXIETY EXPECTING HIM TO INDUCE ONE ISRAELI CONCESSION AFTER ANOTHER.

IN MIDAFTERNOON A TWO HOUR MEETING WITH ISRAEL'S TOP POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADERS. AN AIDE OF DAYAN ARRIVED CARRYING A MAP OF THE GOLAN FRONT, THE BASIS FOR THE REVIEW OF ALL ELEMENTS OF DISENGAGEMENT. ACCORDING TO AN AMERICAN SPOKESMAN THESE INCLUDE: THE LINE TO BE DRAWN, AN EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS, A DEFINITION OF A BUFFER ZONE AND A ROLE FOR THE UN. KISSINGER EMERGED CONCERNED ABOUT THE HEAVY FIGHTING ON THE GOLAN FRONT. THE ISRAELIS CONSIDER THE FIGHTING A CONTRADICTION OF THE SPIRIT OF NEGOTIATION. KISSINGER HOPES THAT BY THE TIME HE LEAVES FOR SYRIA HE WILL HAVE WHAT HE LIKES TO CALL A REFINEMENT IN THE ISRAELI POSITION, WHAT OTHERS MIGHT CALL A MAJOR OPENING CONCESSION; NAMELY THAT ISRAEL IS NOW READY TO RETREAT BEHIND THE 1967 CEASEFIRE LINE IF THAT IS THE PRICE FOR A DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL."

2. RADIO: FOLLOWING KALB PIECE FROM JERUSALEM WAS CARRIED CBS-RADIO FRIDAY MORNING: "A CUP OF COFFEE IN THE KITCHEN, THAT IS THE UNOFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF AN UN-SCHEDULED MEETING WITH PM MEIR AND SECRETARY KISSINGER UNCLASSIFIED

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JUST HOURS BEFORE THE SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE FOR SYRIA. KISSINGER HAS ACCELERATED HIS TRAVEL SCHEDULE, IF THAT IS POSSIBLE, HE WILL RETURN TO ISRAEL TOMORROW EVENING AFTER A SIX HOUR STOP OVER IN EGYPT AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF HIS TALKS IN DAMASCUS. THIS STEP-UP SUGGESTS THAT ISRAEL MAY BE ON THE VERGE OF A MAJOR DECISION ABOUT DISENGAGEMENT AND KISSINGER WANTS TO MEET WITH ISRAELI LEADERS AGAIN BEFORE THEIR CABINET MEETING SUNDAY MORNING. THEY ARE VERY WORRIED ABOUT THE HEAVY FIGHTING ON THE GOLAN FRONT AND THEY ARE URGING KISSINGER TO USE HIS INFLUENCE IN DAMASCUS, WHATEVER INFLUENCE HE MAY HAVE, TO LOWER THE LEVEL OF VIOLENCE AND TO WORK OUT A QUICK EXCHANGE OF WOUNDED AND OTHER PRISONERS OF WAR. IF THE SYRIANS INTENSIFY THE FIGHTING TO INCREASE PRESSURE ON ISRAEL TO MAKE CONCESSIONS, THAT STRATEGY MAY BACK-FIRE.

THE ISRAELIS DO NOT FEEL THE FIGHTING IS THE PROPER BACK-
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